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## LSTA 2021 Snapshot

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### CAP Grants

CAP (Collections and Programming) grants are \$4,000 grants to expand collections for a target audience and to increase access to those collections through programming. The primary purpose of these grants is to provide resources for community members with defined needs such as at-risk children, the aging population, people having difficulties using the library, and other targeted LSTA priorities.

The following libraries were awarded CAP grants this year:

Ak-Chin Indian Community Library  
Avondale Public Library  
Buckeye Public Library  
Douglas Public Library  
Glendale Public Library  
Parker Public Library  
Peoria Public Library  
Prescott Valley Public Library (x4)  
Sedona Public Library  
Show Low Public Library

### Citizen Science Grants

Citizen Science grants are grants of \$3,000 each to help libraries introduce the world of Citizen science to community members by providing science-based programming with the assistance of simple, convenient, and ready-to-use kits. These kits will provide community members with the tools to collect, analyze, and report on research projects important to scientists.

The following libraries were awarded Citizen Science grants this year:

Camp Verde Community Library  
Page Public Library  
Pima County Public Library  
Scottsdale Public Library  
Show Low Public Library

## Staff Development Grants

Staff Development grants are grants of \$4,000.00 each to help libraries across the state deliver top-quality training for staff that are unable to attend other trainings offered by the State Library due to limited time or budgets.

The following libraries were awarded Staff Development grants this year:

Buckeye Public Library  
Peoria Public Library  
Scottsdale Public Library  
Sedona Public Library

## Wi-Fi Expansion Grants

Wi-Fi Expansion grants are grants of \$4,000.00 each that provide funding for extending, upgrading, and assessing library wireless networks by: replacing modems and routers with upgraded models; purchasing additional Wireless Access Points (WAP) to provide coverage over a large area; purchasing “Point to Point” (P2P) or “Line of Sight” (LoS) equipment to strengthen service; purchasing a WiFi analytics service for session counts and analytics.

The following libraries were awarded Wi-Fi Expansion Grants this year:

Buckeye Public Library  
Page Public Library  
Parker Public Library

## Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Grants

A hotspot is an area where users can access the Internet using Wi-Fi from a small device with a cell phone data plan. Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending grants are grants of \$4,000 each to be used to provide people with free, 24/7 access to the Internet in areas of limited Internet availability to help people meet their information needs in new ways.

The following libraries were awarded Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending grants this year:

Ak-Chin Indian Community Library  
Casa Grande Public Library  
Cochise College Libraries  
Cottonwood Public Library  
Douglas Public Library  
Eastern Arizona College  
Glendale Public Library  
Page Public Library  
Paradise Valley Community College  
Patagonia Public Library  
Peoria Public Library  
Prescott Public Library

Prescott Valley Public Library  
Rio Salado Community College  
Sedona Public Library  
Sierra Vista Public Library  
Yavapai County Free Library District

## LSTA General Grants

### Readability

<b>Library</b>	Ak-Chin Indian Community Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Melanie Toledo
<b>Award</b>	\$9,450

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to increase reading levels in Ak-Chin students grades K-8. Funds will be used to purchase a reading software that is compatible with iOS and Android devices to assist in increasing reading levels for grades K-8. Community members will benefit because “Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything,” Tomie dePaola (children’s author).

### StoryWalk® at Prospector Park

<b>Library</b>	Apache Junction Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Inclusive Communities
<b>Project Contact</b>	Pam Harrison
<b>Award</b>	\$ 8,090

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to increase literacy skills while promoting physical activity, providing two critical elements for overall family wellness. Funds will be used to purchase all supplies and materials needed for the initial set-up of StoryWalk®, to include aluminum posts with mounted frames, sign frame backer sheets, books, a laminator, and pouches. Community members will benefit because StoryWalk® will enhance Prospector Park by promoting family engagement with literacy and learning in a nontraditional outdoor environment that encourages physical activity in a shared community space.

### Digitize Oral Histories Stored on VHS Tapes

<b>Library</b>	Arizona Historical Society Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Jennifer Hunt
<b>Award</b>	\$ 2,090

## **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to digitize and make widely accessible to the public copies of hundreds of oral histories currently stored on VHS tapes in Arizona Historical Society Library & Archives collections in Tucson at the Arizona History Museum and in Tempe at the Arizona Heritage Center. Funds will be used to purchase relatively low-cost materials to enable staff archivists to perform quality VHS tape to digital conversions in-house and store the copies. Community members will benefit because they will have greater access to their cultural stories through access to their oral histories.

## **STEAM is for everyone / STEAM es para todos**

<b>Library</b>	Camp Verde Community Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Inclusive Communities
<b>Project Contact</b>	Leticia Ancira
<b>Award</b>	\$ 20,230

## **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to reach out to Spanish-speaking and Yavapai-Apache families with informal hands-on STEAM activities. Funds will be used to pay a consultant to design and teach STEAM lessons, mentor the Children's Librarian in STEAM programming, and purchase STEM supplies for the Mobile STEM Lab. Community members will benefit when children from diverse families are encouraged to explore STEAM subjects inside and outside the library and beyond. The library will benefit from an increased understanding of how to leverage the existing strengths, interests, and diverse cultures in the community when designing STEAM activities to appeal to a broader family audience.

## **StoryWalk® Chandler**

<b>Library</b>	Chandler Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Debe Moreno
<b>Award</b>	\$ 12,200

## **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to increase literacy skills and physical and mental well-being by encouraging children and caregivers to read together while engaging in physical activity outdoors by establishing a StoryWalk® in a City Park, offering removable StoryWalks® as passive library programs, and taking temporary StoryWalks® to outreach events throughout the city. Funds will be used to purchase professional quality aluminum display cases on posts, removable sign holders for programs, temporary signs and holders for outreach, a collection of books, paper, and printing and laminating services to create the StoryWalk® pages as well as promotional materials and surveys. Community members will benefit because StoryWalks® will promote the joy of reading and the importance of physical activity for all.

## Spanish-Subtitled Legal Talks Videos

<b>Library</b>	Coconino County Law Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Gretchen Hornberger
<b>Award</b>	\$ 10,350

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create Spanish-subtitles for 10 Legal Talk videos available to anyone, anywhere, anytime on AZCourtHelp.org. Funds will be used to pay a vendor to translate the English transcripts into Spanish and another vendor to proofread the translations. Community members will benefit because Spanish-speakers will be empowered by the knowledge they will gain about court procedures and their legal rights from these free educational videos.

## Preschool Literacy/STEAM Patio

<b>Library</b>	Copper Queen Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Jason Macoviak
<b>Award</b>	\$ 15,180

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create an outdoor Literacy/STEAM Patio at the Copper Queen Library Annex, which was created in 2018 to serve the San Jose Neighborhood of Bisbee. The project will support new preschool and parenting programming for the Library and our partners, and will provide a public space for families to use for self-guided learning and community interaction. Funds will be used to purchase and install elements of the patio that will be used for community programs. Community members will benefit because this project will provide a safe, interactive space for families to use. This will be the first outdoor public space for this area, including the town of Naco, Arizona, which borders Naco, Sonora, Mexico.

## Cottonwood Media Room

<b>Library</b>	Cottonwood Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Ryan Bigelow
<b>Award</b>	\$ 26,898

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to create an innovative user-friendly media lab that is fully equipped with up-to-date technology that supports small business owners, local authors, students and teachers, and under-equipped patrons by providing the space and equipment to keep up with the ever-changing demands of online content creation such as YouTube presentations, podcasts content, and ebooks. The funds will be used to obtain equipment and

marketing for this space. This will benefit our community by supporting educational institutions and organizations engaged in workforce development and helping small businesses and the underserved communities make an impact in our virtual world.

## **Together in Florence StoryWalk®**

<b>Library</b>	Florence Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Gloria Moreno
<b>Award</b>	\$ 5,000

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to build community through self-directed learning. StoryWalk® projects promote rich literacy opportunities outside of the physical library environment. They enable the community to engage in a fun, easy physical activity which nurtures togetherness, play, and stronger communities by offering a shared community experience. Funds will be used to purchase sign materials and to print a selection of storybook pages. Community members will benefit because Together in Florence with StoryWalk® will not only promote and foster literacy, it will encourage community engagement with the library and park in a unique way. The project will also offer the opportunity to engage with fellow community members as they enjoy the project together.

## **Growing Glendale Libraries 2021 and Beyond**

<b>Library</b>	Glendale Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Inclusive Communities
<b>Project Contact</b>	Dawn Ferro
<b>Award</b>	\$ 47,000

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to identify the current City of Glendale underserved populations, determine future population and business development areas, and start the process for evaluating facilities and services for the library of the future. Funds will be used to hire a library consultant that will execute the master planning process that includes patron statistical analysis, administering online surveys, conducting in-person or virtual focus groups, and creating reports and presentations on the information collected. The community will directly benefit by contributing their constructive feedback which will result in an increase of new library users, with increased modern and technologically advanced library facilities and patron-driven programming and services by positioning Glendale libraries for the next generation of residents and library patrons.

## **ILS Replacement and Upgrade Project- Clifton and Duncan Public Libraries**

<b>Library</b>	Greenlee County Library System
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Karen Soohy
<b>Award</b>	\$ 24,796

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to replace the Follett/Destiny Integrated Library System (ILS) with Apollo which is more user-friendly and created specifically for smaller public libraries. Funds will be used to purchase a new ILS which will include transfer fees and features necessary for a more patron-friendly online catalog experience. Funds will also be used to purchase any peripheral items needed, a dedicated desktop, new county-wide access library cards, and creation of a GCLS logo. Community members will benefit because online searching will be much easier and will give them access to books in both county libraries that use the ILS.

## **Raising Readers**

<b>Library</b>	Greenlee County Library System
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Karen Soohy
<b>Award</b>	\$ 33,506

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to create a collection to support the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program and a lending library of basic literacy and manipulative skills backpacks for children ages 2-5 and their families emphasizing early literacy and school readiness. Funds will be used to purchase a collection of age-appropriate books, supplies to create consumable activity kits, backpacks, educational toys and manipulative items, promotion materials and hire a professional consultant for the project. Community members will benefit because fundamental skills learned in the first five years of life help shape the foundation of a child's future. This leads to increased learning achievement at school, healthy attitudes in the future and positive effects on life in general.

## **Spectrum Speaks**

<b>Library</b>	Maricopa Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Inclusive Communities
<b>Project Contact</b>	Andrew Gallegos
<b>Award</b>	\$ 20,000

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to partner with public schools to increase access and use of library resources for families working with Autistic individuals and those with other sensory

challenges. Funds will be used to create circulating classroom kits, outreach programming, caregiver workshops, and to build an inclusive collection. Community members will benefit because nearly all citizens of Maricopa must commute out of city limits to pursue activities and resources designed for those with Autism and other sensory challenges.

## **Virtual Literacy and Services Support for Rural La Paz County Library Patrons**

<b>Library</b>	Parker Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Tracey McConnell
<b>Award</b>	\$ 17,056

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to meet the overwhelming demand of inclusive community resources, at the intersection of crippled capacity due to COVID-19, so that our rural community can safely access workforce resources and skills (ZOOM meetings, unemployment support, job-searches and resume-development) with a transformed outside area of Parker Public Library and loanable laptops. Funds will help to purchase laptops, docking stations, and outdoor furniture, create an inclusive and safe browsing environment, withstand occupancy issues, and reduce turn-aways. La Paz County community members will benefit by having 24/7 access to online workforce resources and dedicated staff to help them navigate this increasingly virtualized world, addressing the major lack of public broadband access in our remote service area.

## **Peoria Public Library StoryWalks®**

<b>Library</b>	Peoria Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Heather Sorden
<b>Award</b>	\$ 15,276

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to install StoryWalks in two Peoria parks. Funds will be used to purchase all materials and services needed to create and install the two permanent Peoria Public Library StoryWalks®. Community members will benefit because StoryWalks® are fun, educational activities that promote reading, literacy, and physical activity, all while utilizing a city park facility and encouraging participants to visit their local library.

## Pedal Express

<b>Library</b>	Peoria Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Tonya Stuempfl
<b>Award</b>	\$ 16,167

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide a library outreach experience to underserved populations and nonusers of the library. Funds will be used to purchase a Haley Bicycle Trike and bicycle supplies, technology to connect the rider with the library's ILS system, an opening day collection for the bicycle, and outreach supplies to bring Peoria's libraries out into the population with programs, education, and information. Community members will benefit because while they are out in the city doing other things, they can peek at what Peoria Public Library has to offer and how it can enrich their lives.

## Arizona Room Digitization

<b>Library</b>	Phoenix Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Maria Dominguez
<b>Award</b>	\$ 37,000

### Project Summary

The goal of this project is to provide 24/7 remote access to unique materials in Phoenix Public Library's Arizona Room collection, a historical and cultural resource comprised of a variety of print media pertaining to Phoenix, Arizona and the Greater Southwest. Funds will be used to hire a grant funded library assistant, obtain a scanner and adjacent furniture, digitize select collections, and explore technological solutions to allow for discovery in the Library's catalog. Community members will benefit by allowing Phoenix Public Library to meet the increasing need and expectation to access online resources. Digitization will both protect delicate materials and provide opportunities to connect with the community through online exhibits and virtual programming.

## Our Story - A Communities of Color Curation Project

<b>Library</b>	Pima County Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Inclusive Communities
<b>Project Contact</b>	Tenecia Phillips
<b>Award</b>	\$ 47,630

### Project Summary

The goal of the project is to empower historically underserved Black community members whose history has been effectively excluded from Pima County and Arizona archives and collective memory. Funds will be used to train library staff to assist community members with preserving family photos, journals, diaries, film, and letters. PCPL will purchase

digitalization supplies for updating audio, video and photos; including scanners, USB flash drives, and software. PCPL will assemble matching participant take home kits. Community members will benefit because they will develop an increased capacity to preserve and share their stories and local history. Community members will be empowered to give voice to the previously voiceless and bring forward stories and contributions that have been unknown or over-looked.

## **Remote Access Lockers**

<b>Library</b>	Pima County Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Beth Matthias Loghry
<b>Award</b>	\$ 61,260

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to provide a sustainable, no-contact method for Pima County Public Library (PCPL) patrons to safely retrieve library materials during the current COVID-19 health crisis. Funds will be used to purchase two additional exterior (remote) locker installations, one at a library serving a wide area of Pima County, and another at a library with a high number of people who walk or ride the bus to receive services. Community members will benefit because patrons will have uninterrupted access to desired materials during the pandemic and a level of customer service outside regular library hours.

## **Tween Scene @PVPL**

<b>Library</b>	Prescott Valley Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Inclusive Communities
<b>Project Contact</b>	Michele Hjorting
<b>Award</b>	\$ 30,000

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to create an inclusive, flexible area for library patrons 9 to 13 years old (aka “tweens”) to use library materials, work on assignments, develop life literacies, and socialize with their peers—with resources and furniture designated for them. This space will be located within the children’s department. Funds will be used to purchase furniture, materials, a starting collection and programming resources to establish this space. Tween community members will benefit as they will have a space in the library intentionally designed with their needs in mind. They will feel welcome and included in library operations.

## **Electrify and Engage with E-Books!**

<b>Library</b>	Sahuarita High School Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Teresa Bettis
<b>Award</b>	\$ 30,000

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to provide information access by educating and informing students and citizens using a variety of formats including technology and other resources to achieve academic and personal goals. With money from this grant, e-books will be purchased to begin creating an e-book collection that will now and in the future “Electrify, and Engage” students. Community members will benefit because access to information in a format familiar to our technology-oriented students will assist them with goals now and in the future while allowing progress with local and state goals, centered around accessing and preserving Arizona.

## **Promoting Youth Literacy at San Carlos Public Library**

<b>Library</b>	San Carlos Public Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Rebecca Swift
<b>Award</b>	\$ 4,999

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to promote youth literacy in the San Carlos Apache community. Funds will be used to purchase a book collection that includes critically acclaimed print for children and young adults. The San Carlos Public Library’s current collection is dated and not relevant for youth in the community. As the Library is moved to a new space and a new collection is acquired, community members will bring their children and young adults to explore and benefit from the collection.

## **Family Adventure Backpacks**

<b>Library</b>	Elsie S. Hogan Community Library
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Michelle Leyvas
<b>Award</b>	\$ 11,558

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to provide a learning experience that will improve education and to provide a family-oriented program for children ages 6-12 in our community. It will provide resources for hands-on activities for the children and their families to take home to gain knowledge about their community environment. It will enable the discovery of new ideas based on STEM related projects. The funds will be used to acquire all necessary resources, equipment, and supplies to implement the program and sustain it. Community

members will benefit by having a family-based program to help them become more knowledgeable about their community environment.

## **S.A.S.H.Y. - Sharing Additional School Holdings in Yavapai**

<b>Library</b>	Yavapai County Free Library District
<b>Grant Category</b>	Information Access
<b>Project Contact</b>	Valerie Burns
<b>Award</b>	\$ 23,893

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to bring 3 additional K-12 school libraries into the Yavapai Library Network (YLN). Funds will be used to cover the expenses of automating the libraries and/or transferring their data to our Integrated Library System (ILS). All Yavapai County residents will benefit once these libraries are part of the YLN because they will gain access to the new members' materials. The schools' students, faculty and staff will, in return, benefit because they will gain access to all YLN materials, technology, training, expertise and subscriptions.

## **Tinker Zone**

<b>Library</b>	Yavapai County Free Library District
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Priscilla Phelps
<b>Award</b>	\$ 33,143

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to provide and enhance STEM learning in three rural communities of western Yavapai County. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and STEM learning kits that will allow coding instruction both on and offsite. The programs will provide hands-on informal education to an underserved population.

## **Ready for Robotics!**

<b>Library</b>	Yuma County Library District
<b>Grant Category</b>	Informal Education
<b>Project Contact</b>	Brenda Cervantes
<b>Award</b>	\$ 17,962

### **Project Summary**

The goal of this project is to help close the technology gap by providing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)-based projects and resources for Yuma County. Funds will be used to create workshops that will teach various STEAM-based/robotics topics such as coding, engineering devices, computer programming, art, and building, resulting in technical and interpersonal skills. Community members will gain learning opportunities while sparking discovery, creativity teaching, problem-solving, and educational technology

benefits. Patrons will learn the benefits and positive impact robotics brings to education, healthcare, and the overall economy. The Main Library will partner with the Children's Museum of Yuma County (CMYC) and offer STEAM/robotics-based programming and outreaches for teens and children at both Main Library and the CMYC facility.